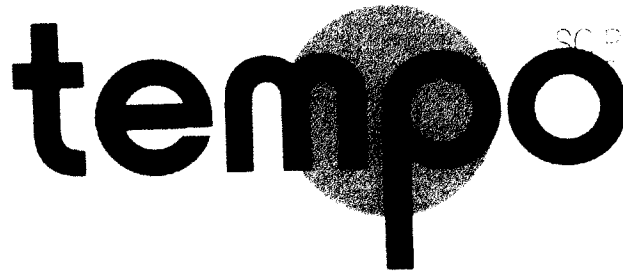


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Ms. Jocelyn Boyd, Chief Clerk
South Carolina Public Service Commission
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Re: Tempo Telecom, LLC FCC Form 481

Dear Sir/Madam:

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §54.422, enclosed please find for filing a copy of Tempo Telecom, LLC's Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Annual Report (FCC Form 481).

If you have any questions or if I may provide you with additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 816-300-1049 or angela.hoke@birch.com.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Hoke
Manager, Regulatory & Legal

Enclosures

**FCC Form 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting
Data Collection Form**
FCC Form 481
OAS Control No. 3000-0004/OAS Control No. 3000-0015
July 2013

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ANNUAL REPORTING FOR ALL CARRIERS

54.313 Completion Required	54.422 Completion Required
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(check box when complete)

<100> Service Quality Improvement Reporting	(complete attached worksheet)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<200> Outage Reporting (voice)	(complete attached worksheet)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<210> <input type="checkbox"/> <-- check box if no outages to report		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<300> Unfulfilled Service Requests (voice)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<310> Detail on Attempts (voice)	(attach descriptive document)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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<400> Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers (voice)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<440> Fixed		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<450> Mobile		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<500> Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Rules Compliance	(check to indicate certification)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<510>	(attached descriptive document)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<610>	(attached descriptive document)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<710> Company Price Offerings (broadband)	(complete attached worksheet)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<800> Operating Companies and Affiliates	(complete attached worksheet)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<900> Tribal Land Offerings (Y/N)? <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>	(if yes, complete attached worksheet)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1000> Voice Services Rate Comparability	(check to indicate certification)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<1010>	(attach descriptive document)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1100> Terrestrial Backhaul (Y/N)? <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>	(if not, check to indicate certification)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1110>	(complete attached worksheet)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1200> Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers	(complete attached worksheet)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Price Cap Carriers, Proceed to Price Cap Additional Documentation Worksheet			
Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers			
<2000>	(check to indicate certification)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<2005>	(complete attached worksheet)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Rate of Return Carriers, Proceed to ROR Additional Documentation Worksheet			
<3000>	(check to indicate certification)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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**(100) Service Quality Improvement Reporting
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<110> Has your company received its ETC certification from the FCC?

(yes / no) ☐ ☐

<111> If your answer to line <110> is yes, do you have an existing §54.202(a) "5 year plan" filed with the FCC?

(yes / no) ☐ ☐

If your answer to line <111> is yes, then you are required to file a progress report, on line <112> delineating the status of your company's existing § 54.202(a) "5 year plan" on file with the FCC, as it relates to your provision of voice telephony service.

<112> Attach Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan or, in subsequent years, your annual progress report filed pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(1). If your company is a CETC which only receives frozen support, your progress report is only required to address voice telephony service.

Name of Attached Document

Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 112, contains a progress report on its five-year service quality improvement plan pursuant to § 54.202(a). The information shall be submitted at the wire center level or census block as appropriate.

- <113> Maps detailing progress towards meeting plan targets
- <114> Report how much universal service (USF) support was received
- <115> How (USF) was used to improve service quality
- <116> How (USF) was used to improve service coverage
- <117> How (USF) was used to improve service capacity
- <118> Provide an explanation of network improvement targets not met in the prior calendar year.

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<810>	Reporting Carrier	Tempo Telecom, LLC
<811>	Holding Company	Birch Equity Partners, LLC
<812>	Operating Company	Tempo Telecom, LLC

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**(900) Tribal Lands Reporting
Data Collection Form**

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<910>	Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves	
<920>	Tribal Government Engagement Obligation	

If your company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes, No, NA) for each these boxes to confirm the status described on the attached document(s), on line 920, demonstrates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to § 54.313(a)(9) includes:

<921>	Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions.	
<922>	Feasibility and sustainability planning;	
<923>	Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner;	
<924>	Compliance with Rights of way processes	
<925>	Compliance with Land Use permitting requirements	
<926>	Compliance with Facilities Siting rules	
<927>	Compliance with Environmental Review processes	
<928>	Compliance with Cultural Preservation review processes	
<929>	Compliance with Tribal Business and Licensing requirements.	

Select (Yes, No, NA)

Name of Attached Document

**(1100) No Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting
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<1120> Please check this box to confirm no terrestrial backhaul options exist within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(G)

☐

<1130> Please check this box to confirm the reporting carrier offers broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 kbps upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(G)

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**(1200) Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers
Lifeline
Data Collection Form**
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<1210> Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans

<1220> Link to Public Website

 HTTP <http://www.mytempo.com/footer/Lifeline-Terms-and-Conditions.aspx>

Name of Attached Document

"Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 1210, or the website listed, on line 1220, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.422(a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support, carriers must annually report:

 <1211> Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers, ☒

 <1222> Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan, ☒

 <1223> Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan. ☒

(2000) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation
Data Collection Form
Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers.

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CHECK the boxes below to note compliance as a recipient of Incremental Connect America Phase I support, frozen High Cost support, High Cost support to offset access charge reductions, and Connect America Phase II support as set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(b)(c),(d),(e) the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

Incremental Connect America Phase I reporting
<2010> 2nd Year Certification (47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)) ☐

<2011> 3rd Year Certification (47 CFR § 54.313(b)(2)) ☐

Price Cap Carrier Receiving Frozen Support Certification (47 CFR § 54.312(a))

<2012> 2013 Frozen Support Certification ☐

<2013> 2014 Frozen Support Certification ☐

<2014> 2015 Frozen Support Certification ☐

<2015> 2016 and future Frozen Support Certification ☐

Price Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support (47 CFR § 54.313(d))

<2016> Certification Support Used to Build Broadband ☐

Connect America Phase II Reporting (47 CFR § 54.313(e))

<2017> 3rd year Broadband Service Certification ☐

<2018> 5th year Broadband Service Certification ☐

<2019> Interim Progress Certification ☐

<2020> Please check the box to confirm that the attached document(s) on line 2021, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313 (e)(3)(ii), as a recipient of CAF Phase II support shall provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year. ☐

<2021> Interim Progress Community Anchor Institutions ☐

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(3000) **Rate of Return Carrier Additional Documentation**
Data Collection Form

FCC Form 481
OMB Control No. 3050-0986/OMB Control No. 3050-0819
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CHECK the boxes below to note compliance on its five year service quality plan (pursuant to 47 CFR § 54.202(a)) and, for privately held carriers, ensuring compliance with the financial reporting requirements set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2). Further certify that the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

- (3010) **Progress Report on 5 Year Plan**
Milestone Certification (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i))

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

- (3011) Please check this box to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 3012 contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313 (f)(1)(ii). the carrier shall provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.

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- (3012) Community Anchor Institutions (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(iii))

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

- (3013) Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2))
(3014) If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report

(Yes/No) ☒

Please check these boxes to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 3017, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2) compliance requires:

- (3015) Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers)

☒

- (3016) Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows

☒

- (3017) If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required documentation

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(Yes/No) ☒

- (3018) If the response is no on line 3014, is your company audited?

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- (3019) If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission, on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains

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- Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications

☒

- (3020) Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows

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- (3021) Management letter issued by the independent certified public accountant that performed the company's financial audit.

☒

- (3022) If the response is no on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission, on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:

☒

- (3023) Copy of their financial statement which has been subject to review by an independent certified public accountant; or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers,

☒

- (3024) Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant

☒

- (3025) Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows

☒

- (3026) Attach the worksheet listing required information

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:

Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients	
I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier: Tempo Telecom LLC	
Signature of Authorized Officer: CERTIFIED ONLINE	Date 06/26/2014
Printed name of Authorized Officer: Edward James III	
Title or position of Authorized Officer: Chief Financial Officer	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer: 4049262217 ext.	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: 249026	Filing Due Date for this form: 07/01/2014
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	

Certification - Agent / Carrier Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:

Certification of Officer to Authorize an Agent to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I certify that (Name of Agent) _____ is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier. I also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data provided to the authorized agent is accurate.	
Name of Authorized Agent: _____	
Name of Reporting Carrier: _____	
Signature of Authorized Officer: _____	Date: _____
Printed name of Authorized Officer: _____	
Title or position of Authorized Officer: _____	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer: _____	
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:

Certification of Agent Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I, as agent for the reporting carrier, certify that I am authorized to submit the annual reports for universal service support recipients on behalf of the reporting carrier; I have provided the data reported herein based on data provided by the reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported herein is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier: _____	
Name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	Date: _____
Printed name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
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Attachments